

Past Pursuits

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Akron History Trails – Get Your Passport

Although 1931 was darkened by the Great Depression, it was also a year of progress for the city of Akron. During that year, five of the city's most notable buildings were constructed, the YMCA, YWCA, Mayflower Hotel, First Merit Tower (then Central Depositors Bank and Trust), and the Akron Fulton Airport Terminal. To celebrate the 75th year of these landmarks, the City of Akron, along with First Merit and the partners of the Lock 3 Akron History Museum, are sponsoring the Akron History Trails Project.

Beginning the weekend of July 4, Akron residents will have an opportunity to visit these as well as other historic buildings and institutions. Visitors may pick up an Akron History Trails "passport" at participating institutions, visit each of twenty-one sites, and have their passports stamped. Participants are encouraged to bring their completed passports to the Akron Reading Festival on September 23 to receive a commemorative gift. Those who have collected all twenty-one stamps will be eligible for a prize drawing.

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Cuyahoga Falls Newspapers on Microfilm

Special Collections extends a very special thank you to the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society for generously donating funds to reproduce the *Cuyahoga Falls Reporter* from 1870-1952. This latest addition greatly enhances our local newspaper collection, and will surely be a valuable resource for family historians. We would also like to thank the Cuyahoga Falls Library for agreeing to loan their film to be reproduced.

2006 Ohio & Erie Canalway Symposium: Implementing Regional Innovation

On April 5, 2006, The Ohio & Erie Canalway Association (OECA) held their Canalway Symposium at Main Library. The OECA is an organization designated by Congress to manage the Ohio and Erie National Heritage Canalway which stretches from downtown Cleveland to the Tuscarawas River Valley. The symposium was geared for non-profit organizations and several interesting group sessions were held throughout the day. These sessions, presented by the OECA, addressed questions about how the Ohio and Erie Canal is presented in school classrooms as well as how to interpret and present information about the Ohio and Erie Canal. Creative partnering with varied organizations was also a popular topic.

One of the featured events of the Symposium was the debut of the new [OECA website](#). It presents the history of the Ohio and Erie Canal, as well as current maps of the Canalway and surrounding parks and recreation areas that are a part of the Heritage Area. This attractive website provides a gateway to information about the varied events hosted by different organizations along the canalway. A visitor can create an itinerary on line that includes a wide range of events hosted by different organizations. Presenting all of these organizations and events together provides visitors

with a much more complete and interesting view of the canal's important history.

Share some of the excitement of the canalway, visit <http://www.ohioanderiecanalway.com> and plan your next visit through this historic corridor.

Celebrating the Life & Music of Pat Pace

A musical tribute and memorial was held on May 2nd at Beth El Congregation to honor the recently deceased musician, Pat Pace. A child prodigy and a student of the Juilliard School of Music in piano composition, his reputation was largely built on his unique ability to compose jazz. He was also a prominent figure in classical music in Northeast Ohio. He was not only a soloist for the Akron Symphony Orchestra, but his classical compositions were performed by the Akron Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland Philharmonic, and by other national organizations.

The memorial tribute presented Pat Pace's work from the late 1950s to 2005, showcasing many past and recent works that were previously unpublished. This celebration was made possible by the efforts of Roland Paolucci and the Pace family, who were gracious enough to open up this memorial event to the general public. The 16 selected pieces written by Pat were played by several different musicians, including some of Pat's past students, long-time fellow musicians, and two outstanding big band numbers, each performed by the University of Akron Jazz Ensemble and the Kent State University Jazz Ensemble, respectively. There were also brief yet very touching stories told by Pat Pace's widow, Lisa Pace, and his son, Adam Pace. A few other friends were willing to share special moments and memories of their unforgettable experiences with Pat.

For anyone who truly appreciates jazz music, and for the standing-room-only crowd who came to hear Pat Pace's music, it was an unforgettable evening. For more information about this musician's life and work see www.patpace.com.

New Family Historians

The Special Collections Division is pleased to offer orientation sessions for new family historians. All of the sessions listed below are the same and will include an overview of the genealogical resources available at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. All sessions are held in Special Collections at the Main Library.

- Saturday, June 24, 10:00-11:00 am
- Tuesday, July 18, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Saturday, August 19, 10:00-11:00 am
- Tuesday, September 19, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Saturday, October 21, 10:00-11:00 pm

For more information, please contact Special Collections at 330.643.9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Mary Gladwin

You may have missed it, but each year National Nurses Day is recognized on May 6. With that in mind, did you know that Akron was home to one of the more prominent American nurses? She was even awarded the profession's highest international honor. It's true. She was Akron's own Mary Elizabeth Gladwin.

Mary was born in Staffordshire, England on December 24, 1861 and came to America as a small child with her parents, settling in Akron. After graduating from Buchtel College (now the University of Akron) in 1887, she was a schoolteacher for a few short years. But by 1895, Akron city directories reveal she had decided to enter the nursing profession. When the Spanish-American War began, Mary went to Cuba, Puerto Rico, and later the Philippines working as a nurse. In 1904, she went to Hiroshima, Japan and worked there along with other American volunteer nurses treating the wounded from the Russo-Japanese war. For this service, she was decorated by the Emperor of Japan.

Returning to Akron to be with her ailing mother, Mary worked as a company nurse for the B.F. Goodrich Co., a position she held for several years.

In March of 1913, Ohio suffered perhaps the worst natural disaster in its history with much of the state being severely flooded. Mary was dispatched to hard-hit Dayton to supervise the Red Cross relief staff working in that city. Then, in 1914, she spent more than a year in Belgrade, Serbia treating the wounded in the Serbian – Austrian conflict. During all her time in Belgrade, she kept a diary of her daily life and the hardships she endured. Entries from the diary reveal in startling clarity the horrors she witnessed with many excerpts reading like a Hollywood screenplay. The diary survived and is held by Archival Services at the University of Akron.

After coming home again, she was instrumental in founding and organizing the Red Cross chapter here in Akron in June of 1916. Shortly afterwards, she returned to Europe for two years where she worked with refugees from many nations in Saloniki, Greece. In recognition of her many accomplishments and dedicated service, in 1920 she received from the International Red Cross Society, Nursing's highest award – the Florence Nightingale Medal.

In the post-war years, Mary appeared on the lecture circuit and served as inspector for various nursing schools in the states of Indiana, Arkansas and Minnesota. After this, she served as superintendent of nurses at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, a branch of the Mayo Clinic. She even found time to author three books including *Ethics for Nurses*, which for many years served as the "bible" of nursing students at the University of Akron. Akron-Summit County Public Library's Special Collections Division holds copies of her books. Modest by nature, she avoided the limelight whenever possible going so far as to request the *Beacon Journal* to omit putting her name in print.

Mary died November 22, 1939 in Akron and is buried in the modest family plot in Glendale Cemetery. Despite her many accomplishments, her tombstone bears only the short notation "Women's Overseas Service League." Mary would have approved of the simplicity.

Italian Ancestors in Akron

It is difficult to determine exactly when the first Italian came to Akron. We know that Italians have been immigrating to this part of the world since Cristoforo Columbus arrived in 1492, however, they did not start coming in larger numbers until much later. According to government statistics, many of the earliest immigrants of Italian origin came from Northern Italy at a rate of 300 per year from 1820 to 1850, and about 1,000 persons a year after 1860. Over 5 million Italians immigrated to this country from 1875-1930, of which 80% were from southern Italy and Sicily.

Most of the information we can find on Italian ancestry in the United States really doesn't begin until after 1880, even more is available after 1900. Many came to Akron to work in the rubber factories as so many immigrants did, but they also worked as laborers, merchants, restaurateurs, and stonemasons. It was a common practice for many Italian immigrants to travel back to Italy bringing money for family left behind. In some cases they stayed in the old country to wait out an economic downturn or because US immigration law changed preventing their return. An example of this is when in 1893, the *Akron Beacon Journal* reported that an outbreak of Cholera in Naples caused a temporary ban on Italians from entering or re-entering the US.

After 1900, we begin seeing Italians as a large group of Akron's population. According to the articles reported in the *Akron Beacon Journal*, there seemed to be a very high peak of Italians and other immigrants coming to Akron between 1902 and 1914. In 1902, the *Akron Beacon Journal* reports on Italian parades and cultural celebrations such as Columbus Day, The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and other activities relating to Italian heritage. The newspaper article [right] is one example. There were also many Italian-American societies in existence by the early 1900s such as the Sons of Italy, Italian-American Society, Italian-American Republican Club (as well as one for democrats), The Italian-American Political Club, Akron Christopher Columbus Society, and others. For information about today's Italian-American

societies, visit the Council of Italian-American Societies at <http://www.it-am.org>.



Akron Beacon Journal, September 9, 1903

North Akron is the area with the densest population of Italian-Americans, aptly called Akron's Little Italy. In 1922, the old viaduct bridge provided access to this area, which led many Italian immigrants to buy houses and start small businesses. This in turn created an active community and ensured a vital neighborhood for many years. Establishing homes in the North Hill area also allowed families to remain close to downtown, where many immigrants earned their living. When the coal mining industry in Oklahoma slowed down, this neighborhood welcomed many Italian immigrants leaving Oklahoma. By the 1930s, Italians were the largest immigrant group by population in Akron.

Unfortunately, the general march to the suburbs in the 60s and 70s effected many neighborhoods,

including North Hill. The opening of the All-American Bridge in 1981 did help a little in boosting the commerce in North Akron, but rehabilitation has been slow. Fortunately today you can still experience the Italian heritage of the area at some of the remaining local businesses. There are cannolis from Ninni's Italian Pastry Shop, fresh homemade goods from DeViti's Italian Market, a hot pizza from Emidio and Sons Restaurant, or a fine meal at Nick Anthe's restaurant.

When you begin doing research on your Italian ancestor, you will want to brush up on your Italian history and read about the critical changes occurring after 1870 in Italy. These were contributing factors to the large population of Italians that emigrated here. Learning a little about the geography of where your ancestors came from, be it Italy, Sicily, or Sardinia, may also be helpful.

One great way to trace your Italian ancestor in Akron is by using our Akron City Directories. We have copies that go back as far as 1871. These directories are very helpful in that they list residences and businesses that could be important in putting together the picture of how your ancestor lived when they arrived in this area.

Fortunately, for those of us descended from Italians, records are usually available because our ancestors immigrated in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Special Collections has created Research Guides that can help you find your Italian immigrant ancestor: *Researching Italian Ancestors*, *Identifying Immigrant Ancestors*, *Naturalization Research*, and *Passenger List Research*.

History Trails (continued from pg. 1)

The weekend will kick off on Friday, June 30 at 10:30 am with the dedication of the newest portion of the Towpath Trail, which connects the Cascade Locks Park with Downtown Akron. The Akron Family Barbecue starts on June 30 and ends with a traditional fireworks display at 9:45 pm. Be sure to visit the Lock 3 Akron History Museum in the O'Neil's Commons. For more information about this summer's events in Akron, visit the City of Akron's website at <http://www.ci.akron.oh.us/>.

On Exhibit

The Cascade Locks Park Association (CLPA), one of the partners of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Association, is a vital member of the downtown community. Their mission is to preserve, protect and promote the industrial, commercial and cultural history of Cascade Locks Park which runs along locks 10-16 of the Ohio and Erie Canal. This area has been designated the Cascade Locks Historic District. The Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library helps to organize and preserve CLPA's archives. We featured this important organization during the Canalway Symposium by creating an exhibit highlighting the many positive changes in the community for which they are responsible. From preserving original structures like the Mustill Store, to helping push forward the development of the Towpath Trail through downtown Akron, CLPA has become a major part of downtown Akron's renewal and progress.

Coming in late June is an exhibit on Akron during its building boom of 1931. Landmark attractions such as the YWCA, the YMCA, the Mayflower Hotel, First Merit Bank Tower (formerly known as Central-Depositors Bank & Trust) and the Fulton Airport Terminal were all built in 1931. It was the year that the mighty airship the USS Akron was christened for flight at the newly constructed Goodyear Airdock. But it was also the beginning of the Great Depression when the economy was crumbling with over 11 million people unemployed. Racial violence was again on the rise, and gangsters and bootleggers were still active in the last years of Prohibition. Movies were still racy and sassy before enforcement of new censorship laws while fashions were raising the waistlines and softening edges. Benny Goodman was swinging and women were swooning when Rudy Vallee and Bing Crosby sang. People gathered around radios listening to the St. Louis Cardinals make a comeback or read novels by Dashiell Hammett or Agatha Christie. Be sure to visit the exhibit and help Akron celebrate 1931 and all of the changes it brought.

Soap Box Derby Index

Since 1935, Akron has hosted the Annual All-American Soap Box Derby. For years, ASCPL staff has been clipping newspaper articles for vertical files to document the history of one of Akron's most famous events. Those clippings have led to the creation of the Soap Box Derby Database.

This regularly-updated database serves as an index to newspaper articles from the very first local race held in Dayton, Ohio in 1933, to recently published articles in the *Akron Beacon Journal*. The database can be searched by date, keyword, title, or subject and once the correct reference is found, the full article can be printed from *Akron Beacon Journal* microfilm. The original clippings files from which the database was created are still available and have been added to the *Soap Box Derby Collection*.

On Line Records Update

The Missouri Death Certificate Database and index are now available online at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/>.

The index can be searched by first and last names, county, and by year and month of death. Once a name is selected, a digitized image of the original certificate can be retrieved. Although the index is complete (1910-1955), digital images are only available through 1922. The project is on-going, so more records will be available in the future.

Local History Events

Junior League of Akron

Designer Show House 2006

Summit County Historical Society

June 3 – June 25

The Perkins Stone Mansion and the John Brown House will be completely redecorated for this event only – showcasing the latest design trends. The grounds will also be reinvigorated by Landscape Designers. Don't miss the chance to see how beautifully old elegance can blend with new style. For more information, call 330.836.4905.

Canal Boat Captain's Ball

Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition

Saturday, June 10

Relive the canal era with dinner, dancing and other special surprises. For more information or reservations, call Dan Rice at 330.434.5657.

Akron District Marbles Tournament

American Toy Marble Museum

Saturday, June 10, 9:00 am

Join us at Lock 3 Park to crown Akron's Marble Champs – one boy and one girl – with a college scholarship valued at \$1,000. For more information, see www.akronmarbles.com.

On the Towpath

Cascade Locks Park Association

Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 pm

Rob and Peg Bobel will sign copies of the "2006 Towpath Companion" after a presentation acquainting us with what is new and what should not be missed along the towpath trail. Joe Jesensky will also be on hand to sign copies of his book, *Joe's Place*.

Canoe Adventure

Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition

Sunday, June 25, 12:00 pm

Join staff members on a canoe journey along the Ohio & Erie Canal in downtown Akron. For more information, call 330-434-5657.

Downtown History Trails

Friday - Tuesday, June 30 – July 4

City of Akron & First Merit

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of several landmarks in and around Akron including the YMCA, YWCA, Fulton Airport Terminal, Mayflower Hotel, FirstMerit Bank and the Goodyear Airdock. These historic buildings and other sites will be open during the holiday weekend for tours and exhibits. For more information on downtown events, see <http://destinationdowntownakron.com/lock3/index.html>.

Italian American Festival

Council of Italian-American Societies, Summit Co.

Friday – Sunday, July 7 – July 9

Riverfront Center in Cuyahoga Falls

Join us for the homemade wine tasting contest and spaghetti dinner. For more information, see <http://www.it-am.org>.

Genealogy Events

Men of the 9th Ohio: Civil War and Genealogical History of the 9th Ohio Light Artillery

Summit County Chapter of OGS

Saturday, June 17, 1:00 pm

Harold George will appear in Civil War uniform and present a video show and display of Civil War artifacts at the Akron-Summit County Public Library. He will give tips on locating civil war veterans' gravesites and a "free" copy of his publication/pamphlet "How to Locate a Gravesite" to everyone present. For more information, see [http://www.acorn.net/gen/chapinfo.html#MEETING AND PROGRAM](http://www.acorn.net/gen/chapinfo.html#MEETING_AND_PROGRAM).

Planning your next Research Trip

Hudson Genealogical Society

Saturday, June 17, 9:30 am

Wallace Huskonen presents his tips for success. For more information, please contact archives3@hudson.lib.oh.us.

Finding your 'Family Tree' in the Probate and Clerk of Courts 'Forests'

Summit County Chapter of OGS

Saturday, June 17, 1:00 pm

Join us at the Court House where Deputy clerks from both the Clerk of Courts and Probate Court will be available for hands-on research.

Getting Started in Family History

ASCPL – Special Collections

Saturday, June 24, 10:00 – 11:00 am

This orientation will include an overview of the genealogical resources available at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. Held at the Main Library in downtown Akron the session is free and open to the public. For more information, call 330.643.9030.

General Meeting

Adoption Network Cleveland

Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Free and open to the public. This meeting is held at Akron General Health and Wellness Center, 4125 Medina Road. For more information, call 216.881.7511.

Roots in the Boot: Italian Genealogy & Heritage Conference

RootsInTheBoot.org

Friday & Saturday, July 14 – 15

Join us for two days of Italian Genealogy & Heritage topics to be held in the David Lawrence Hall of the University of Pittsburgh campus. Conference registration fees range from \$65 to \$98. For more information, see <http://rootsintheboot.org/>.

Getting Started in Family History

ASCPL – Special Collections

Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

This orientation will include an overview of the genealogical resources available at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. Held at the Main Library in downtown Akron the session is free and open to the public. For more information, call 330.643.9030.

Getting Started in Family History

ASCPL – Special Collections

Saturday, August 19, 10:00 – 11:00 am

This orientation will include an overview of the genealogical resources available at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. Held at the Main Library in downtown Akron the session is free and open to the public. For more information, call 330.643.9030.

Introduction to African American Research

WRHS Genealogy Committee

Saturday, September 16, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

The class focuses on records from the present to the end of the Civil War with a brief introduction to locating a slave owner as well as resources at WRHS. The cost is \$ 15 with a late fee of \$ 5 for reservations made after September 9. For questions, contact Roger Ellsworth at (216) 229-7887.

Getting Started in Family History

ASCPL – Special Collections

Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 7:30 pm

This orientation will include an overview of the genealogical resources available at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. Held at the Main Library in downtown Akron the session is free and open to the public. For more information, call 330.643.9030.

Pennsylvania Genealogy Conference: The Keystone to your Heritage

Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania & The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society

Friday & Saturday, September 29-30

Join us for the first statewide genealogical conference to be held in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A variety of topics will be covered in 287 sessions at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel in Pittsburgh.. Registration fees range from \$95 to \$135. For more information, see <http://pagenealogyconference.com/>.

Genealogy 101

WRHS Genealogy Committee

Saturday, September 30, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Learn about getting organized, interviewing, home sources, preservation, and a brief introduction to the internet and the WRHS Library. Cost is \$ 10 with a \$ 5 late fee for reservations made after September 23. For questions, contact Roger Ellsworth at (216) 229-7887 or gen05wr@aol.com.

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations:

Richard Acker for 3 CDs: *Akron, Ohio Maps, 1882; Akron, Ohio Maps, 1870; Akron, Ohio Formerly Middlebury Maps, 1882.*

Violet-Mae Barden for materials and periodicals pertaining to Irish and Canadian genealogical research.

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Jewell Breedlove for *Coffee, Cream, and Sugar* by Jewell Breedlove.

Tommy Bruno and 91.3 the Summit Radio for *Handle With Care: Bandwidth 3.0*

Patricia Davis for *The Westlake Family, Volume II.*

Sue Edwards for additional historical materials for the Frank-Klein Family Collection.

Hal Fulton for four 16 mm films about the All-American Soap Box Derby and the Rubber Bowl.

Barbara Griffith for *Revolutionary War Patriots of Knox County, Ohio.*

Michael Kelly for miscellaneous photographs of Akron.

David Lieberth for *John Poda: 72 Poems* by John Poda; *Lebende Bilder* by L. Heck; *Goethes sammtliches, lyrische, epische un dramatische werke*; *Borderland and the Blue Beyond* by Lee Gross Day and photograph album of the Canal Park Tower Apartments

David and Mary Evelyn Shabino for five photographs of Goodyear Theater Productions from the 1950s.

Warren Skidmore for CD: *Scudamore/Skidmore Family History* by Warren and William F. Skidmore.

Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society for: *The Ohio Storyteller* by James R. Snyder, M.D. (2 copies) and *Ancestral Stories of Charles L. & Ruth (Harris) Johnson.*

Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society for three memorial books to honor deceased members: *Black Marriage Records, 1851-1905, Gallia County Ohio; Fayette County, Kentucky Records, Volume V, Will Books, 1793-1824; and Fayette County Kentucky Records, Volume III, Marriage Records, 1803-1850.*

Tallmadge Historical Society for: *Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the World War, 1917-1918.*

Charles A. Taormina for *Gratuity* by Charles A. Taormina.

Ralph Witt for eighteen photographs and newsclippings pertaining to various crimes in Akron in the 1940s.

And to the *Sounds of Summit Local Music Collection*:

Bill Hall for donations to the Sounds of Summit Project: 18 audiocassette recordings of local musical groups.

Douglas Hood for donations to the Sounds of Summit Project: two flyers and one poster.

New to the Collection

Alabama

Clio, Alabama: A history
Families of Genery's Gap
Heritage of Cullman Co., Alabama
Heritage of Etowah Co., Alabama
Heritage of Madison Co., Alabama
Heritage of Walker Co., Alabama
Index to Divorce cases of the 13th Judicial Circuit of Alabama 1816-1918

Arkansas

Arkansas Pensioners 1818-1900

California

Santa Cruz County History Journal

Canada

Death notices from the Canada Christian Advocate 1858-1872
More notices from Methodist papers from 1830-1857

England

Tudor & Stuart Muster Rolls

Georgia

Germans of Colonial GA 1733-83
Heritage of Lumpkin County, GA
Marriages of Hancock Co 1806-50

Germany

Records of the Lutheran Church of Herschberg 1755-1839

Illinois

Illinois' German Heritage

Indiana

Combination Atlas Map of Boone Co.
1857 Atlas of Henry Co., IN

Jews

Dictionary of Ashkenazic given names
Shtetl Finder Gazetteer

Kentucky

Atlas of Nelson & Spencer Counties
Big Sandy Valley: A history of people & country
Early Louisville, KY newspaper abstracts
Estill Co. KY marriages 1808-1810
Estill Co. KY marriages 1810-1820
Ft. Knox cemeteries in Bullitt Co.
Greenup Co. will abstracts 1822-60
Kentucky Ancestry
KY Frontiersman Vol. 1 (Woodford)
KY Frontiersman Vol 2 (Woodford)
Leslie Co marriages 1884-1894
1850 Federal census Mercer Co.

Maryland

Abstracts of Kent Co. wills 1777-1816
African-American Collection (Kent)
All Saints Church records 1816-1863
Allegany Co. MD indentures 1794-1846
Along the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad
Ark and the Dove adventurers
Buckeystown U. M. baptisms 1848-56
Deaths from the papers of Rev. John Runckle (Frederick Co.)
Dorchester Co. Maryland marriages 1780-1815
Dorchester Co. Maryland marriages 1837-1860
Maryland Militia in the Rev. War
Maryland Public Service Records from 1775-1783
Montgomery County families
Patriots of Calvert & St. Mary's Co.
Patriots of Harford Co., Maryland
St. Benjamin's Church: Westminster MD
St. George's Parish Harford Co. MD
St. John's Episcopal baptisms 1866-92
St. John's Evan. Lutheran 1789-1802
St. Patrick's Catholic Church marriages & deaths 1819-1846
St. Peter's Episcopal Church records 1799-1830 (Frederick Co.)
Washington Co. MD Obituary locator

Manuals

Genetic Genealogy DNA Testing
Graveyard preservation primer
Guide to finding your Ellis Island ancestors
Memory Trees: family trees for scrapbookers

Massachusetts

Indian Deeds: land transactions in Plymouth

Military

Civil War diary of Sgt. Charles Smith of
Mogadore, Ohio.
Civil War living history reenacting
Guarding the Trails: The 11th Ohio Cavalry
U. S. submarine men lost during WW2

Mississippi

Early Records of Neshoba
French & British land grants in the post Vincennes
district 1750-1784
Marion Co., MS Misc. Records
MS index of wills 1800-1900
Natchez Court records 1767-1805
Only a few bones: a true account of the Rolling
Fork tragedy.
Spanish & British Land Grants in MS Territory
1750-1784
Woodville Republican: Vol. 2 1840- 1847
(Wilkinson co.)
Woodville Republican: Vol. 6 1884- 1891
(Wilkinson Co.)

Missouri

Gone to MO: From whence they...
Montgomery Co. MS marriage index
Old Account book entries 1837-1841
(Newton County)

Native-Americans

Cherokee Claims
Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars
Eastern Cherokee census 1915-1922
Indian Wars & passive activities 1607-1900

New York

The Mills of Long Island
Whitney Account Book (Long Island)

North Carolina

Abstracts of wills of Currituck & Dare Counties
1663-1850
Chowan Co deed books 1696-1723
Families of Cabarrus Co. 1792-1815
History of Mecklenburg Co 1740-1903
Johnston Co. Marriages 1764-1867
Marriages of Rutherford co 1779-1868
Mecklenburg Co marriages 1783-1868
Residents of Mecklenburg co 1762-90
Settlement of the NW Carolina Frontier
Marriages of Wilkes Co 1778-1868

Ohio

Ashland Co., Ohio: Clear Creek Twp. Aurora:
from the founding to the flood
Brewing Beer in the Buckeye State
Calvary cemetery inscriptions (Logan)
Carroll Co. Plat Directory
Civil War discharge abstracts (Fulton)
Commercial Photographers in Akron from
1850-1900 (Summit)
Dunkirk cemetery (Hardin)
Five Generations in Washington Co. OH
Franklin Co. will books G & H
German Heritage guide to Ohio
Glenville cemetery (Cuyahoga)
Grace Baptist Cemetery Middleton (Warren)
Guide to Gen resources (Hamilton)
Hale Twp. cemeteries (Hardin)
Hamilton Co burials (Delphi Twp)
Hardin Co Birth index vol. 1 1908-1920
Hardin Co Birth index vol. 2 1921-1930
Hardin Co. OH elected officials
Historic Highland Square (Summit)
History of Hardin Co. OH Schools
Holy Name cemetery (Butler)
Images of Brecksville: (Cuyahoga)
Index to 1850-1859 notices in the
Canton Repository (Stark)
Index to Hardin Co. Oh vets graves
Index to Preston cemetery (Hardin)
Index to the Veterans Military grave registration
card file of Athens Co.
Kenton History & Bio collection (Hardin)
Marion Twp. cemeteries (Hardin)
NSDAR cemetery readings vol. 1 (Fulton)

Ohio (continued)

NSDAR cemetery readings vol. 2 (Fulton)
OH war of 1812 soldiers families
Pleasant Twp. cemeteries (Hardin)
Preston Early burial permits (Hardin)
Professional Journal of Michael Steck
1816-1829 (Fairfield)
Red Line cemetery (Warren)
Scioto Co. OH News abstracts 1866-69
St. Sebastian Parish, Akron OH
Survey of canal-era historic resources
J P Docket Wilkesville: Vinton Co.
Warren Co OH marriages 1899-1901
Wood Co. OH Marriages 1820-1867
1850 Athens County census
1869 map of Hardin County Ohio
1998 Kenton Times Obituaries

Pennsylvania

Abstracts from the diary of the Rev. John
Cuthbertson 1751-1790
Atlas of Adams Co., Pennsylvania
Canonsburg Sesquicentennial 1952
Clearfield Co: Reminiscences of the past
George M. Bedinger papers in the Draper
Collection (York Co.)
Pennsylvania births: Carbon, Monroe and
Schuylkill Counties
Souvenir of the dedication of the new building
for the citizens library
Washington Co.: a 200 year reflection

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